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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR SWAPO TALKS

REF: (A) LUSAKA 2235; (B) STATE 179942

1. AS INDICATED IN REFTEL A, EMBASSY ASKED ALITALIA TO CONTACT ITS AGENTS IN LUANDA AND LAGOS AND REWRITE SWAPO DELEGATIONS TICKETS ECONOMY. AFTER RECEIPT REFTEL B WE REQUESTED ALITALIA TO CONFIRM WHETHER OR NOT TICKETS HAD IN FACT BEEN REWRITTEN. ALITALIA WAS ATTEMPTED DURING COURSE OF DAY TO REACH ITS OFFICE IN LUSANDA WITH NO SUCCESS. IF TICKETS HAVE BEEN REWRITTEN, IT WOULD SEEM TO US THAT IT MIGHT BE BETTER TO LEAVE THEM ECONOMY INSTEAD OF REVERTING TO FIRST CLASS. ONE, IT WOULD BE EMBARRASSING A SECOND TIME TOPREWRITE THE TICKETS, AND TWO, IF WE NOW REQUEST THAT THEY BE REWRITTEN AS FIRST CLASS OUR CASE FOR GETTING THE BOOKING AGENT P ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR ITS ERROR WILL BE LESSENED.

2. SINCE WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO ESTABLISH WHAT HAS HAPPENED WITH THE TICKETS FROM THIS END, THE DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO ASK EMBASSY LAGOS TO DO SO, AND INSTRUCT THE EMBASSY AS TO WHETHER, IF THEY ARE NOW ECONOMY, THEY SHOULD BE CHANGED BACK TO FIRST CLASS.

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3. PLEASE NOTE THAT WE HAVE DISCUSSED TICKETING PROBLEMS IN SOME DETAIL WITH SWAPO VICE PRESIDENT MUYONGO. HE IS NOT CONCERNED ABOUT THE TICKETS BEING REWRITTEN AS ECONOMY AS LONG AS NUJOMA GOES FIRST CLASS. HE READILY ACCEPTED THE EXPLANATION THAT ONLY AMBASSADORS AND ABOVE TRAVEL FIRST CLASS IN THE AMERICAN SYSTEM AS JUSTIFICATION FOR CHANGING

THE TICKETS TO ECONOMY. FURTHER, THE TENTH MEMBER OF THE
DELEGATION, BOMANI, WHO DID NOT TRAVEL WITH THE GROUP TO
LUANDA IMMEDIATELY SAW THE RATIONALE FOR LIMITING TICKETS
TO ECONOMY.

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